

IN THE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EAST ST. LOUIS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS  
(\$510,910.00) in U.S. CURRENCY, and  
ONE FORD FOREST RIVER FORESTER  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, BEARING  
VIN: 1FDWS9PM1GKA97463, WITH  
ALL ACCESSORIES, ATTACHMENTS,  
AND COMPONENTS THEREON

Defendants.

PATRICK N. BARBER and STEPHEN M. KOMIE

Claimants.

No. 3:18-cv-1683-NJR-SCW

**VERIFIED CLAIM**

NOW COMES Claimant STEPHEN M. KOMIE pursuant to the Supplemental Rule for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims C(6), and G(5) and demands restitution of the Defendant property and claims the right to defend this action. Based upon information and belief, Claimant STEPHEN M. KOMIE has a bonafide ownership interest in the Defendant property in that he is an owner of the property. Said ownership interest was obtained by assignment from Claimant PATRICK N. BARBER which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. Thus, Claimant STEPHEN M. KOMIE has a property interest in the amount of \$521,550.00 in U.S. Currency which is the subject of this forfeiture action.

Claimant PATRICK N. BARBER has irrevocably assigned all right, title, and interest to his attorney Claimant STEPHEN M. KOMIE a fifty percent interest of the gross amount seized \$521,550.00. Said assignment to Claimant STEPHEN M. KOMIE is for \$260,775.00 of the gross amount seized together with any interest to be paid or awards of attorney's fees.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 9/17/18

Respectfully submitted,

By: Stephen Komie  
STEPHEN M. KOMIE, Claimant

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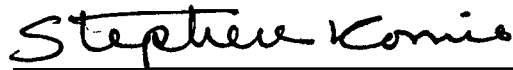
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**VERIFICATION**

I, STEPHEN M. KOMIE, Claimant, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the Verified Claim are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and, as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that I verily believe the same to be true.



STEPHEN M. KOMIE

**ASSIGNMENT**

I, PATRICK NEIL BARBER, hereby assign, transfer, quit claim, and convey an amount \$260,775.00 of my interest in the \$521,550.00 of United States Currency seized by Pontoon Beach Police officers and/or Drug Enforcement Administration, and/or other law enforcement officers on May 31, 2018 at Pontoon Beach Illinois, without search warrant, File No. I2-18-0034 to STEPHEN M. KOMIE.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

6-4-18

Patrick N. Barber  
Patrick N. Barber

State of Illinois       )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Cook        )

Subscribed and sworn before me  
this 4 day of June, 2018.

Mary Rose Kozicz Lopez  
Notary Public



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, deposes and states that a true and correct copy of **Claimant Stephen M. Komie's Verified Claim** has been served upon the below named party(ies), by filing said document in the CM/ECF system on September 18, 2018.

TO: William Coonan	Clerk of the U.S. District Court
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